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FOR YOUR INFORMATION AND GUIDANCE FOLLOWING IS PARTIAL
EXCERPT FROM WHITE HOUSE SPOKESMAN'S PRESS BRIEFING MAY 16,
1974:

QUOTE: Q: JERRY, ON ANOTHER SUBJECT, DOES THE PRESIDENT
HAVE ANY REACTION TO THE ISRAELI BOMBING OF LEBANON?

MR. WARREN: BOB, LET ME PREFACE MY ANSWER BY PUTTING THE
WHOLE THING IN CONTEXT, IF I MAY, AND THEN I WILL COME TO
YOUR QUESTION.

I SHOULD SAY, AS I SAID YESTERDAY, THAT OUR POSITION ON
INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM IS WELL KNOWN. WE HAVE SPOKEN TO
IT, WE HAVE MADE IT KNOWN IN THE UNITED NATIONS ON REPEATED
OCCASIONS. WE HAVE, AS YOU KNOW, CREATED A CABINET COM-
MITTEE ON TERRORISM, WE HAVE CREATED IN THE STATE DEPART-
MENT A TASK FORCE ON TERRORISM. WE ARE IN TOUCH WITH EVERY
GOVERNMENT THAT WE CAN BE IN TOUCH WITH ON THIS SUBJECT AND
ON THIS ISSUE.

I WOULD SIMPLY SAY THAT IT IS THE UNITED STATES POSITION

THAT CONTINUING CYCLES OF VIOLENCE OF THIS TYPE CAN ONLY
OBSTRUCT THE ACHIEVEMENT OF A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT IN THE
MIDDLE EAST. NOW, BEYOND THAT, BECAUSE OF THE DELICATE
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SITUATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST, I WOULD HAVE NO COMMENT,
BOB. I REALLY CANNOT COMMENT BECAUSE I HAVE NO INDEPEND-
ENT REPORTING OF THE SITUATION YOU ARE TALKING ABOUT.

WHILE I AM ON THIS SUBJECT, HOWEVER, I SHOULD POINT OUT TO
YOU THAT THE PRESIDENT SENT A MESSAGE TO PRIME MINISTER
MEIR LAST EVENING RELATING TO THE EVENTS OF YESTERDAY,
AND WE WILL HAVE THAT AVAILABLE FOR YOU.

Q: HERE?

MR. WARREN: YES.

Q: THIS REFERENCE TO CONTINUING CYCLES IS POINTEDLY
DIRECTED AT THE ISRAELI RETALIATION TODAY?

MR. WARREN: BERNIE, LET ME JUST SAY THAT IT IS DIRECTED
AT ALL ACTS OF TERRORISM AND VIOLENCE.

Q: ARE YOU INCLUDING THE ISRAELI RETALIATION?

MR. WARREN: YES.

Q: DOES THE PRESIDENT PLAN TO SEND ANOTHER MESSAGE TO MRS.
MEIR, BRINGING THAT TO HER ATTENTION?

MR. WARREN: SHE KNOWS OUR POSITION. END QUOTE. RUSH

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